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Nixon Names Pentagon Aide

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President Nixon yesterday nominated J. William Middendorf II, now ambassador to the Netherlands, to be under secretary of the Navy, succeeding Frank Sanders who has resigned.

The President also nominated William P. Gifford for promotion to deputy Treasury undersecretary for legislative affairs. Gifford will succeed James E. Smith, named comptroller of the currency.

Gifford is now serving as a special assistant to Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz.